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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 2005

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 to the States for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall
5 be elected by the people of the several States and the dis-
6 trict constituting the seat of government of the United
7 States. The persons having the greatest number of votes
8 for President and Vice President shall be elected.

9 “SECTION 2. The voters in each State shall have the
10 qualifications requisite for electors of Representatives in
11 Congress from that State, except that the legislature of
12 any State may prescribe less restrictive qualifications with
13 respect to residence and Congress may establish uniform
14 residence and age qualifications. Congress may establish
15 qualifications for voters in the district constituting the
16 seat of government of the United States.

17 “SECTION 3. Congress may determine the time,
18 place, and manner of holding the election, and the entitle-
19 ment to inclusion on the ballot. Congress shall prescribe
20 by law the time, place, and manner in which the results
21 of the election shall be ascertained and declared.

22 “SECTION 4. Each voter shall cast a single vote joint-
23 ly applicable to President and Vice President in any such
24 election. Names of candidates shall not be joined unless
25 both candidates have consented thereto, and no candidate

1 shall consent to being joined with more than one other
2 person.

3 “SECTION 5. Congress may by law provide for the
4 case of the death of any candidate for President or Vice
5 President before the day on which the President-elect or
6 the Vice President-elect has been chosen, and for the case
7 of a tie in any such election.

8 “SECTION 6. This article shall take effect one year
9 after the twenty-first day of January following ratifica-
10 tion.”.

